

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 1972

To the Chairman & Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration my report on the health of the Urban District of Longdendale for the year 1972.

The statistics for the year show an increase in the estimated population figure of 500 - from 10,370 in 1971 to 10,870. There was an increase in the total number of births of 29 to 158, representing an adjusted birth rate of 15.2 - slightly higher than that of England and Wales as whole and a remarkable increase on the 1971 rate.

The number of deaths of infants under the age of twelve months was three compared with five in 1971. There was an increase in the number of deaths giving a higher adjusted rate than in 1971. The increase was in the main due to more deaths from cancer, ischaemic heart disease and cerebrovascular accident. Notifiable infectious diseases were not particularly prevalent, the main offender being measles of which twelve patients were reported. It would, therefore, seem prudent to acknowledge a good year healthwise for the population of Longdendale, certainly there were no major outbreaks of infection to report, the birth rate was healthy and the population numbers increased.

This is certainly a happy note on which to conclude the last annual report of your Medical Officer of Health. With reorganisation taking place this office will cease to exist on March 31st next year when you, as an Urban District, become absorbed into the greater area of Tameside. However, cover will be provided by the Tameside Area Health Board through a new being called the "Proper Officer" and one hopes the good relationship that has always existed between the M.O.H. and the C.P.H.I. will be perpetuated between him and the Public Health Inspectors Department of Tameside.

May I, in conclusion, express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Committee for their interest and help. May I also express my appreciation of the invaluable help and loyalty I have received this year, as in previous years, from Mr. Skirrow and the staff for their willing co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

T. HOLME.

Medical Officer of Health.
Longdendale Urban District Council.

POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate for mid-1972 was 10,870.

BIRTHS

There were 158 live births during 1972. Of these, 82 were males and 76 females.

The Crude Birth Rate was 14.5 per 1,000 compared with 12.4 per thousand in 1971. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas the birth rate was 15.2 per 1,000 compared with 14.8 for England and Wales.

DEATHS

The number of deaths during 1972 was 108. Of these, 48 were males and 60 females. The Crude Death Rate was 9.9 per thousand compared with 9.1 per thousand for 1971. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, the Death Rate was 13.4, the figure for England and Wales during 1972 being 12.1. The causes of death were as shown in the table on pages 3 & 4.

INFANT MORTALITY

Three infants died under the age of twelve months.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No deaths occurred as a result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of notifiable infectious diseases occurred.

Measles	12
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LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Manchester. Reports upon specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor and copies are forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of cases on the register on 31.12.71	22	21
Number of cases added to register during 1972	3	-
Number of cases removed from register during 1972	2	4
Number of cases remaining on register on 31.12.72	23	17

Services administered by the Cheshire County Council

CARE OF MOTHERS AND BABIES

A weekly ante-natal Clinic is held every Wednesday morning. The local Domiciliary Midwife attends for the purpose of examination of expectant mothers who wish to have their babies at home. The afternoon of the second Monday in each month is devoted to immunisation and is attended by the Divisional Medical Officer. Other immunisation sessions are carried out as the need arises.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGENDALE

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CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE (CONTD)

Cause of death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks. & under 1 year	Age in years								75 and over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B32 Pneumonia	M	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B34 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B46(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B42 Congenital Anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	48	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	7	16	13
	F	60	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	4	8	14	26

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the Council;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1972.

Despite the extra time and work involved in meetings and preparations in connection with local government re-organisation, the functions of the Department were maintained at a satisfactory level, and for this fact I must acknowledge the willing efforts of Mr. F. B. Marshall, additional Health Inspector who took up his appointment with the Council in February 1972, and also of Mr. N. W. Shaw the clerk in the department.

Action listed under Housing shows progress made in Hollingworth on the Market Street/Moorfield Terrace Clearance Area and the confirmation of the Market Street/Printers Fold Compulsory Purchase Area, which opens the way for new developments of shops and houses respectively.

My thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Committee for support, to Dr. Holme, the Clerk of the Council and colleagues for their co-operation and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

F. SKIRROW
Chief Public Health Inspector

TABLE SHOWING SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

	<u>31/12/71</u>	<u>31/12/72</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease 1971/72</u>	<u>% of Total Properties</u>
Separate Dwellings	3,828	3,866	+ 38	
Dwellings served by:-				
(a) Chemical & Pail Closets	58	55	- 3	1.4
(b) Water Carriage Closets	3,770	3,811	+ 41	98.6
(a) Council Sewage Scheme	3,688	3,729	+ 41	96.5
(b) Septic Tanks	82	82	-	2.1
(c) Other Means	58	55	- 3	1.4
(a) Mains Water Supply	3,749	3,790	+ 41	98.1
(b) Private Water Supply	79	76	- 3	1.9
Dwellings with baths	3,402	3,467	+ 65	89.6

The number of houses completed during the year was 45, all being built by private developers. These being:- 1 bungalow at Green Lane, Hollingworth; 4 houses at Thorncliffe Wood, Hollingworth; 15 houses at The Boulevard, Hollingworth; 20 houses at Arrowscroft Way, Hollingworth; 2 houses at Home Farm Avenue, Mottram; 1 house Four Lanes, Mottram; 1 house Stalybridge Road, Mottram and 1 house Old Road, Mottram.

In addition an elderly persons home was completed for Cheshire County Council on the Hattersley Estate.

Housing Act 1957 - 1969

Action taken during the year included the following:-

127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, Market Street, Hollingworth; 2, 4, 6, 8, Printers Fold, Hollingworth.	- Compulsory Purchase Order on these properties confirmed by the Department of the Environment.
14, 16, Dewsnap Lane, Mottram.	- Demolition completed.
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, Moorfield Terrace, Hollingworth	- Demolition completed.
4, Coach Road, Hollingworth	- Closing Order.
2 and 6, Coach Road, Hollingworth	- Undertaking by owner not to relet on termination of present tenancies.
90b, Mottram Road, Broadbottom	- Closing Order.
2, Hodge Fold, Broadbottom	- Demolition Order rescinded upon completion of works to make fit.

Environmental work commenced on the General Improvement Area at Broadbottom and improvement work continued on some of the 95 houses involved in the scheme.

There were no applications for disrepair certificates.

There were no houses in multiple occupation, nor common lodging houses within the district.

Public Health Act 1936, etc

Number of informal or verbal notices	-	70
Number of statutory notices served	-	2
Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following informal action	-	120
Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following statutory action	-	3 (2 in default)

Clean Air Act 1956 - 1968

During the year the Longdendale Urban District Council No. 1 (Hattersley) Smoke Control Order 1972 was submitted to the Department of the Environment but at the end of the year confirmation had not been received. The area contains 1698 premises of which 1688 are dwelling houses and covers approximately 250 acres.

The volumetric instrument sited at the Council Offices was again operated throughout the year and the following figures are average readings taken from this instrument.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Smoke</u> (Conc. Ug/M3)	<u>Sulphur</u> (Conc. Ug/M3)
January, February, March,	68	78
April, May, June,	50	34
July, August, September,	60	46
October, November, December.	68	95

Water Supply

All mains supply within the District is by Manchester Corporation Waterworks and is subject to filtration and chlorination. Details have been given in previous years' reports. Included in the supervision is weekly sampling by the Waterworks Department itself.

Eleven samples of mains supply were additionally submitted for bacteriological examination by this Authority. Of these 9 were reported as being completely satisfactory. The remaining 2 results were reported as follows:-

	<u>Coliform Bacilli</u> <u>per 100 ml.</u>	<u>Esch Coli</u> (Type 1) <u>per 100 ml</u>
(1)	1	0
(2)	1	0

These results were passed to the Chief Chemist's Department of Manchester Corporation Waterworks and repeat samples taken by them were reported as completely satisfactory.

A complaint of excessive chlorine taste in mains water from a dwelling in the district was investigated by this department but showed little excess at the time of the visit. This was also reported to the Chief Chemist's Department for their attention.

Number of properties on main supply	-	3790
Number of properties on private supply	-	76

Refuse Collection

The service provides for weekly collection in all but the isolated parts of the district where collections are made fortnightly. In June 1972 disposal of refuse commenced at the new Vickers Seerdum Pulverisation Plant built by Glossop Corporation at Melandra Glossop.

Civic Amenities Act, 1967

The number of derelict or abandoned vehicles removed under the Act was as follows:-

Removed by Council's Contractor:-

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| (a) by voluntary action | 11 |
| (b) by statutory action | 9 |

Removed by owners after investigation 21

The major difficulty in the administration of the Act was that of tracing owners and/or persons responsible for abandoned vehicles.

The Council undertakes the removal free of charge of any exceptional or bulky items of household refuse such as discarded furniture providing notification is given, 626 collections being made during the year, as compared with 482 in the previous year. This represents a considerable expenditure but is very worthwhile in minimising otherwise unsightly dumping within the district.

Rodent Control

Free treatment is given against rodent infestation. During the year this service was carried out by this Authority's rodent operatives.

112 premises were treated for investigation and 106 premises were inspected in connection with rodent control.

A pre-bait with sausage rusk was carried out on the sewerage system in Hollingworth, followed by a treatment with fluoroacetamide at the few manholes showing takes together with associated manholes. The remainder of the district's sewers were treated with fluoroacetamide; the number of manholes at which there were any takes was relatively small with follow up treatment being carried out.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Analysis at end of year

No. registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955

<u>Type</u>		<u>Ice Cream</u>	<u>Preserved Food</u>
1.	Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish	3	3
2.	Butchers	8	7
3.	Manufacturing Bakers, Grocery, Sweets	2	1
4.	Grocery, Sweets & Greengrocery	9	5
5.	Grocery, Sweets	5	2
6.	Sweets	7	5
7.	Greengrocery	3	
8.	Greengrocery, Fish	3	
9.	Retail Bakery, Grocery & Sweets	3	2
10.	Public Houses	16	
11.	Clubs selling drinks	4	
12.	Factory and school canteens	8	
13.	Cafes	2	1

Regular routine inspections of food premises throughout the district were carried out during the year and improvements were obtained.

Notices were served in respect of unsatisfactory conditions at 11 food premises and 2 notices were served in respect of delivery vehicles.

Two complaints of unsound food were received. The first was of a mouldy loaf supplied by a firm on door to door delivery, the second was of the condition of a toffee bar purchased in the district. Both complaints were referred to the County Council Weights and Measures Department. In the first case the firm delivering the bread was prosecuted and fined £20.00 plus costs of £8.10, in the second after reference to the Public Analyst it was considered that no action could be taken.

Voluntary surrender certificates were issued for the following food stuffs resulting mainly from refrigerator breakdown:-

Fish	29 lb. 4 oz.
Vegetables	64 lb. 10 oz.
Meat & Chicken	20 lb. 9 oz.
Confectionary items	9 lb. 9 oz.
Ox Tongue	3 lb. 0 oz.
	<u>127 lb. 0 oz.</u>

Milk Supply

The licensing of milk suppliers within the district is under the control of the Cheshire County Council, with the exception of producer retailers who are licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. There are 5 dairy herds within the district (of which one is accredited under the Brucellosis accredited herd scheme) from which approximately 164 gallons of untreated milk are retailed daily.

The County Council undertakes the sampling of both heat treated and untreated milk retailed in the district, information on these results, a summary of which is given below, being made available by the County Medical Officer of Health.

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>	<u>Void</u>
Untreated T.T. Milk (Meth Blue)	95	2	2
Pasteurised Milk (Meth Blue)	32	1	2
(Phosph. Test)	20	-	-
Sterilised Milk (Turbidity)	11	-	-
Ultra Heat Treated (Colony Count)	3	-	-

NOTE: The foregoing tests are those prescribed under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations and are intended to indicate the cleanliness of production and handling and/or effectiveness of heat treatment. They do not have reference to the quality of the milk as to fat and non-fatty solids content.

Tests are also carried out for brucella infection in untreated milk and the following results were notified:-

	<u>Milk Ring Test</u>		<u>Culture</u>	
	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Positive</u>
(1) Retail Samples	96	1 + 1 + 1 ++	2	1
(2) Individual Cow Samples	17	2 + 1 + 1 ++	4	

The positive culture result was on milk retailed in the district but produced at a farm outside the district and action was taken by the authority in which the farm is situated.

Slaughter Houses

There are no slaughter houses within the district.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was:-

Offices	1
Shops	13
Catering Establishments	10

All the shops and catering establishments received one or more general inspections during the year, whilst 43 visits (of all kinds) were made to these premises.

No accidents were reported under Section 48.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

One boarding establishment continued to be licensed under the Act within the district.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1972 for the
URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE in the County of
Cheshire

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	6	4	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Refd. to H.M. Insp. (4)	By H.M. Insp. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX - (2)

Factories Act, 1961

Part viii of the Act

 Outwork
 (Sections 133 and 134)

			Section 110		Section 111	
Nature of work (1)	No. of out- worker's in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecu- tions (7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc.,	10	-	-	-	-	-
-do- Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	1	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Forms of Outwork	-	-	-	-	-	-